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THE NEW PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The election of Mr. J.G. Strijdom into the position of Prime Minister is a further confirmation that within the Nationalist Party itself the fully-fledged fascists have taken control.

To the non-European people of South Africa it is clear that the Strijdom-Verwoerd clique will now intensify its inhuman draconic measures. We have never been under any illusion about the coming into being of a Police State in the land of South Africa. We have warned other sections and today it has been proved. It will be clearer today even among Europeans that the election of Strijdom will not only affect non-Europeans, but will mean a step forward in the establishment of the Afrikaner Republic on the pattern of the Hitlerite Republic of Nazi Germany.

Whilst we know that Malan-Havenga and Strijdom stood for one policy and had the same outlook towards the Africans, we nonetheless cannot ignore the degree of extremism to which the Strijdom-Verwoerd clique aim. We are aware that apart from intensifying oppression within the Union of South Africa, the demand for the incorporation of the High Commission Territories will be speeded up.

We ask our people to prepare for darker days, to organise and vigorously fight all the evils of Apartheid even more under the leadership of a fascist Prime Minister, Strijdom.

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